

A YIDDISH FEUD.

Abe Pearlman's Ungallant Remarks to Annie Cohen Cost Him Forty Bob and Various Exes.

The feuds of Moses Cohen and Ikey Blum, two rival old clo' dealers, of Liverpool-street, opposite the Central Police Court, still burn fiercely, and the complications that arise therefrom frequently serve to pass a weary hour in the hall of justice across the way when the troubles are transferred to that arena for arbitrament. On Friday afternoon Annie, second daughter of

THE HOUSE OF COHEN,

hauled one Abraham Pearlman, a sympathetic partisan of the rival Blumery, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., and charged him with having used inelegant language ill befitting a Yiddish gentleman to address to a fair Jewess.

Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for the lady pearl, and Mr. C. Bull for the pearl man.

Annie Cohen, spinster, of 97 Liverpool-street, deposed that at 10.30 a.m. on February 23 she was proceeding from George-street to her own home, and had to pass the shop of Blum, where defendant was sitting outside. As she passed, Pearlman said in Yiddish,

"MOSHA COHEN PARA TOCHTA
NOFKA."

which, interpreted into English meant, "There goes scabby-headed Moses Cohen's daughter, the w—." Then he added in English, "She has to leave Sydney because everybody knows what she is." These remarks were addressed to the dog-walloper of the Blum clothery, who was standing on the kerb at the time waiting for likely customers to come along and listen to his persuasive eloquence. She went to her own door and then turned round and said to Pearl-

quence. She went to her own door and then turned round and said to Pearlman, "Take care what you are saying; you are commencing with the wrong party." Her brother Sol, and a friend named Brodsky, were standing on the pavement in front of the shop and heard the words, and her father, who was sitting in the shop at the time, ran out when he heard the insult, and was going to

WIPE OUT PEARLMAN,

but she restrained him.

There was considerable fun in the court during the cross-examination by Mr. Bull. At his request the young lady glibly repeated the Yiddish insult hurled at her, and he asked that the words be taken down, but the deposition clerk looked aghast at the job and Mr. Donaldson said he didn't think the typewriter was built on the Yiddisher plan. "Oh, very well, we'll drop it," acquiesced Mr. Bull. "It's easily done, if you want it," said Mr. Abigail. "Moshah is only like a brand of coffee." "And hot coffee at that," remarked Bull. The various words were repeated, and the English equivalent given; and Mr. Donaldson, who had studiously followed the terms,

SMILED COMPLACENTLY

and said, "Now, we have them," and with true Yiddish brogue he repeated, "Moshah cove paree doctor nofkisky."

Moses Cohen deposed that he heard the vile words used to his daughter, and ran out to chastise the man who uttered them, but was diverted from his intent by Annie

CLINGING TO HIS COAT TAIL,

and to save the garment he had to allow his foeman to go. He admitted that the feud with Blum was fast and furious, and that his enemies were always annoying him, and various law suits had been fought out between the parties.

Sol. Cohen and Louis Brodsky gave corroborative evidence of the offensive word used.

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For the defence, Abraham Pearlman denied having used the words complained of. All he said was, "There's the beauty passing by," but that was in reference to the witness Brodsky, who was down at the corner of George-street at the time.

William Kerr, the out-door salesman of Blum's shop, gave evidence in support of Pearlman, but on cross-examination he made several statements that tended to confirm Miss Cohen's version rather than the defendant's.

Accused was fined 40s, professional fees 21s, witness' costs 10s, and costs of court 4s 10d. Seven days were allowed in which to pay.